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For: **COMPOUND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A MESFET  
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CHANGES THE MUTUAL CONDUCTANCE**

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Sir:

Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on February 25, 2003. A copy of the IDS is attached hereto along with a copy of the stamped postcard confirming receipt by the US. Patent and Trademark Office on February 25, 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanies the Information Disclosure Statement, marked to indicate that the references listed therein have been considered by the Office.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions concerning this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(c)**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

February 25, 2003

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these references is attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after issuance of a first official action on the merits and expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry in the national stage for the above-captioned application, but prior to issuance of either a final official action, a Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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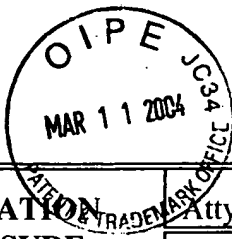
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### OTHER DOCUMENTS

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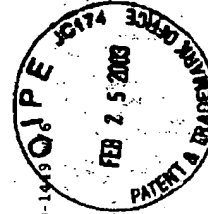


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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as indicated  
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